



Global giving is not a one way street: US Foundations Supporting Canadian Charities

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Global giving is not a one way street, it is people around the world caring about many different issues in many different countries. In Canada it is not only about how much we support projects in other countries. From 2003 to 2008 according to the Foundation Centre here are the top Canadian charities (over \$1 million) receiving US foundation grants.

The list includes the name of the Canadian organization, the amount received over the 5 year period and the number of grants received. In total there was 355 million received by 673 Canadian organizations in 2,108 grants.

Recipient Name	Amount	Grant Count
<u>International Development Research Centre of Canada</u>	\$52,323,504	11
<u>University of Manitoba</u>	\$31,586,620	9
<u>Tides Canada Foundation</u>	\$31,151,529	47
<u>University of Toronto</u>	\$22,262,059	86
<u>University of Waterloo</u>	\$13,192,512	15
<u>University of Montreal</u>	\$12,598,320	9
<u>University of British Columbia</u>	\$12,271,518	57
<u>Developpement international Desjardins</u>	\$9,181,998	1
<u>Federation Combined Jewish Appeal</u>	\$7,724,713	7
<u>International Council of AIDS Service Organizations</u>	\$7,598,291	4
<u>Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Center</u>	\$6,904,848	11
<u>University of Saskatchewan</u>	\$4,659,133	8
<u>Vancouver Foundation</u>	\$4,484,217	4

<u>Living Oceans Society</u>	\$4,463,464	15
<u>World University Service of Canada</u>	\$4,059,901	1
<u>David Suzuki Foundation</u>	\$4,015,868	24
<u>Ecotrust Canada</u>	\$3,807,424	31
<u>Action Canada for Population and Development</u>	\$3,711,201	15
<u>Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Quebec</u>	\$3,456,512	1
<u>University of Guelph</u>	\$2,933,595	12
<u>Environmental-Aboriginal Guardianship through Law and Education</u>	\$2,318,075	17
<u>Fraser Institute</u>	\$2,152,000	17
<u>McGill University</u>	\$2,074,908	34
<u>Raincoast Conservation Foundation</u>	\$1,947,648	25
<u>Calgary Academy</u>	\$1,821,304	4
<u>World Wildlife Fund Canada</u>	\$1,769,290	10
<u>Community Foundations of Canada</u>	\$1,746,400	13
<u>South Shore Community Service Association</u>	\$1,725,000	4
<u>Gaia Foundation for Earth Education</u>	\$1,640,000	5
<u>Queens University</u>	\$1,601,658	11
<u>Commonwealth of Learning</u>	\$1,600,000	3
<u>Heritage Charlevoix</u>	\$1,560,000	3
<u>University Health Network</u>	\$1,500,000	1
<u>Pembina Foundation for Environmental Research and Education</u>	\$1,424,227	5
<u>Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care</u>	\$1,385,007	2
<u>Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society</u>	\$1,376,221	26
<u>Saint Michaels Hospital</u>	\$1,349,184	6
<u>International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty</u>	\$1,300,000	4
<u>Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation</u>	\$1,251,629	28
<u>McMaster University</u>	\$1,243,105	18
<u>Digital Opportunity Trust</u>	\$1,239,528	6
<u>Ecojustice Canada</u>	\$1,236,700	15
<u>Sage Foundation</u>	\$1,226,400	19
<u>Beal Institute for Strategic Creativity</u>	\$1,216,478	1
<u>Ontario College of Art Foundation</u>	\$1,174,111	4
<u>University of Western Ontario</u>	\$1,105,175	4
<u>Louis Brier Home and Hospital</u>	\$1,000,000	2
<u>Jewish Community Center of Greater Vancouver</u>	\$1,000,000	1
<u>Coast Opportunities Fund</u>	\$1,000,000	1

For the full list see

<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/maps/CountryDollars.php?&y0=All&map=CA&unit=Canada>

The Foundation Center's Interactive Map of Direct Grants by U.S. Grantmakers to Non-US Recipients is helpful to see how almost \$7 billion dollars worth of grants went from the US to non-US charities etc. It may be helpful to Canadian charities interested in working with a US foundation on an international project. For example, if you are a Canadian charity working in South Africa you may be interested in knowing which US Foundations gave what amounted to \$325 million over the last five years directly to South Africa. Maybe one of those foundations may be interested in a program that you are running. Maybe if the Foundation supported a particular NGO in South Africa you may wish to find out if the US foundation learned anything from their experience, if the relationship went well etc.

You can check out the world map at:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/maps/>

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